Dear Peter,

I do not intend this to seem to be an intrusion into your business but I do think that you and Richard should be aware of at the least inconsistencies in the copy editing, if it was the copy editor who set style and even if she did not. It has been throughout but at pages 179-80 there is so much I call it to your attention.

One aspect ~~is~~ represents a ~~xxxx~~ cost, extra leads where not needed. White ~~xxxx~~ space if you are not familiar with printing. In the length of an ordinary book this can require an extra and unnecessary sig.

At this one place for no reason at all the names are in ~~bling~~ bold-face type. This, mind you, is doubly verbatim-from the transcripts, which should never be altered, and from Post Mortem. With indentation indicating direct quotation, there is no need for the single quotes before each name and ~~xxx~~ at the end. There is no excuse for adding quotation marks after the name and before what the name said or at the end of those spoken words.

Here you will notice what I commented on early in the proofs, the copy editor invented a new spelling for "X-rays." I checked the unabridged. Her's does not exist. What is preferred is "x-ray," but the cap is acceptable. I used the cap because that is federal style and thus the usage would be consistent. But on almost all mentions the copy editor changed it-even within quotation marks-to "X rays." And sometimes within ~~quotation marks xxxxxxxx~~ what is quoted directly, she inserted [sic].

She also at points has a special syle on citations, the book source in italics (but not always) and not within parens but the page only within parens.

Her style is not consistent on indentations, either. Not is it on boldfacing names in direct quotations of transcripts.

If I'd been making notes of such things I'm sure I'd be able to give you more, but I found these misuses of quotation marks particularly exasperating.

Perhaps I am more sensitive to such things than most because I started doing that kind of work for the Senate 60 years ago, but I think that where it can count, as with reviewers, if you send books to reviewers, it can turn them off. It will to informed readers. Who may hold it against the writer.

Inconsistent also on the use and non-use of colons, caps, italics, parens and brackets. ~~XXX~~ I'm not asking for a change but the editor added to my chapter title, "Truth Is Our Only Client" "Chief Justice Earl Warren." Warren said it but they all used it and I was applying ~~it less~~ less in this chapter to Warren than to his assistant counsels. It thus is unfair to Warren. Who has many respecters among book purchasers.

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